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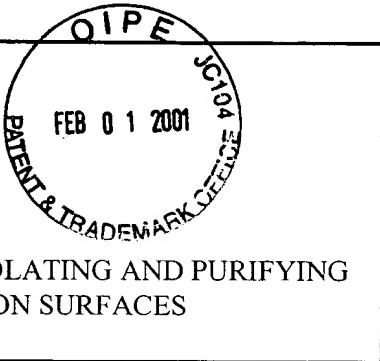
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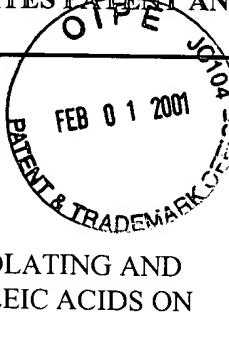
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants submit this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(b)(3) and 1.98 in the above-identified application.

A Modified Form PTO-1449 listing the above-identified documents and photocopies of each of the documents are enclosed herewith.

The documents submitted herewith include the foreign priority document, which is German patent application No. DE 19746874.8, filed October 23, 1997, and a certified English translation thereof.

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Applicants do not intend to represent that the documents submitted herein are material prior art to this invention or that the list represents an exhaustive search of documents related to this invention.

Applicants respectfully request that the documents submitted herein be considered and made of record in this application.

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